

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) An apparatus for the detachable connection of a wiper blade on a swivelable wiper arm of a wiper for windows of motor vehicles, the apparatus comprising a bushing that can be connected to the wiper blade or arranged on the wiper blade for accommodating a plug-in axis of the wiper arm, and the apparatus comprising a device to lock the plug-in axis in the bushing at least in an operating position of the wiper blade, in which the directions of the longitudinal extension of the wiper blade and the wiper arm are aligned approximately parallel to one another, wherein the device for locking includes a catch hook (20) arranged on the wiper blade (12), which in the operating position partially grips around the wiper arm (10) near the plug-in axis (16) and forms an angular limit stop for the wiper blade (12).

22. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to Claim 21, wherein in the operating position of the wiper blade (12), the catch hook (20) blocks an axial movement of the plug-in axis (16) in the bushing (18) to a large extent.

23. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for the detachable connection of a wiper blade on a swivelable wiper arm of a wiper for windows of motor vehicles, the apparatus comprising a bushing that can be connected to the wiper blade or arranged on the wiper blade for accommodating a plug-in axis of the wiper arm, and the apparatus comprising a device to lock the plug-in axis in the bushing at least in an operating position of the wiper blade, in which the directions of the longitudinal extension of the wiper blade and the wiper arm are aligned approximately parallel to one another, whereby the device for locking includes a catch hook (20) arranged on the wiper arm (10), which in the operating position partially grips around a covering (26) of a coupling element (14) of the wiper blade (12), which covering contains the bushing (18), and forms an angular limit stop for the wiper blade (12), wherein the free end of the wiper arm (10) continues into the catch hook (20).

24. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for the detachable connection of a wiper blade on a swivelable wiper arm of a wiper for windows of motor vehicles, the apparatus comprising a bushing that can be connected to the wiper blade or arranged on the wiper blade for accommodating a plug-in axis of the wiper arm, and the apparatus comprising a device to lock the plug-in axis in the bushing at least in an operating position of the wiper blade, in which the directions of the longitudinal extension of the wiper blade and the wiper arm are aligned approximately parallel to one another, wherein the device for locking includes a locking pin (28) arranged near and parallel to the plug-in axis (16), which locking pin in the operating position engages in a trough-shaped receptacle (30) of a coupling element (14) of the wiper blade (12) and blocks to a large extent an axial movement of the plug-in axis (16) in the bushing (18) and forms an angular limit stop for the wiper blade (12).

25. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein the locking pin (28) has a free end with a heel (32) having a greater thickness than the trough-shaped receptacle (30).

26. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 21, wherein the plug-in axis (16) can only be displaced in the bushing (18) in the axial direction in a pre-defined angular range that differs from the operating position.

27. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 21, wherein the wiper blade (12) can be separated from the wiper arm (10) in an angular position outside the operating position.

28. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein the plug-in axis (16) can only be displaced in the bushing (18) in the axial direction in a pre-defined angular range that differs from the operating position.

29. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein the plug-in axis (16) can only be displaced in the bushing (18) in the axial direction in a pre-defined angular range that differs from the operating position.

30. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein the plug-in axis (16) can only be displaced in the bushing (18) in the axial direction in a pre-defined angular range that differs from the operating position.

31. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the plug-in axis (16) can only be displaced in the bushing (18) in the axial direction in a pre-defined angular range that differs from the operating position.

32. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein the wiper blade (12) can be separated from the wiper arm (10) in an angular position outside the operating position.

33. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein the wiper blade (12) can be separated from the wiper arm (10) in an angular position outside the operating position.

34. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein the wiper blade (12) can be separated from the wiper arm (10) in an angular position outside the operating position.

35. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the wiper blade (12) can be separated from the wiper arm (10) in an angular position outside the operating position.

36. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein the wiper blade (12) can be separated from the wiper arm (10) in an angular position outside the operating position.

37. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for the detachable connection of a wiper blade on a swivelable wiper arm of a wiper for windows of motor vehicles, the apparatus comprising a bushing that can be connected to the wiper blade or arranged on the wiper blade for accommodating in a lockable manner a plug-in axis that can be connected to the wiper arm, wherein the plug-in axis (16) is arranged on a second coupling element (15) that can be slid over a free end (34) of the wiper arm (10) and can be detachable locked therewith, whereby the second coupling element (15) features a spring clip (36), which has an inner side and a locking tooth (38) in the inner side pointing to the wiper arm (10) which in the position that is slid on the wiper arm (10) engages in a recess (42) in the free end of the wiper arm (10) and whereby an unlocking handle (40) for manually unlocking the locking tooth (38) is arranged on the free end of the spring clip (36).

38. (New and Withdrawn) An apparatus according to Claim 37, wherein the second coupling element (15) can be latched to the free end (34) of the wiper arm (10).

39. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein the wiper blade (12) can be separated from the wiper arm (10) in an angular position outside the operating position.

40. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 29, wherein the wiper blade (12) can be separated from the wiper arm (10) in an angular position outside the operating position.